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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is being sent out a few days earlier than Friday because there are a few things on here you might want to read before the end of the week.

**Nationally it is going to become increasingly common for children and staff to be tested for coronavirus, if they are contacted via the track and trace system or if they develop symptoms. Remember that symptoms could also be symptoms of other common illnesses. We have standard letters we must send out if a member of our school community is tested. These letters will probably be fairly frequent and are not to alarm you in any way. There are different letters for different scenarios (if a child has symptoms and is being tested, if a member of staff has symptoms and is being tested, if there is a positive case in school.) These letters will tell you if you need to take any action as a family or whether we need to take action as a school. All schools are following the same protocol. What might hit the press/media now won't reach the news in time, as the letters sent home will become more and more frequent in all schools. This isn't because Covid 19 is more prevalent necessarily, it is because testing is more readily available. We will keep you fully informed at all times.**

I feel relieved and reassured that our plans to keep our school community as safe as we can, are manageable and practical. One parent said on the playground earlier in the week, 'there is synergy.' As a school community we are working very closely together and showing patience and acceptance of the changes.

The staggered start and end times to the day are working brilliantly from a school's perspective and the flow of children coming into school and leaving is smooth. This has had a positive impact on parking outside school and the children are settling very well and very quickly once they have said goodbye to you at the classroom doors. Do remember that you can always talk to the class teacher briefly at the start or end of the day, when you see them at the door, if you have any questions or need to pass on any messages.

Lunchtimes are working well. We have 4 sittings, so bubbles can be separated. We also have designated spaces on the playground and field for the 4 bubbles to play and socialize within their bubble of children.

At this time of year we would usually send out a list of dates for the whole year, such as Christmas productions, sports days and learning cafes. At the moment we are unable to make plans for these events as we don't know when the guidance and restrictions will be changed. We will however try to be as creative

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as possible in ensuring we do whole school community events in some shape or form – even using videos or other online platforms.

We are welcoming some of our new EYFS children this week for their ‘Stay and Play’ sessions. ‘Home visits’ have been carried out virtually and we feel we have done the best we can with supporting our youngest children as they start school next week.

I’ve enjoyed chatting with parents and carers on the playground. It is great to see you all again and thank you for showing so much support.

Thank you to the staff of Mousehold who continue to go above and beyond. I am very proud to lead this school forward.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

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